

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JAMES M. SHURE FOR
HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO
THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join Jewish Family Services as well as the many family, friends, and community leaders who have gathered to pay tribute to a special member of our community and a man I am honored to call my friend, James M. Shure. Better known as Jimmy throughout the community, he was born and raised in New Haven, Connecticut, spending a lifetime giving back to the city and its residents.

Jimmy grew up in the Westville section of New Haven, the son of a much beloved local funeral director. His father, Robert, opened the Robert E. Shure Funeral Home on George Street in 1939, quickly becoming known throughout New Haven's Jewish community for his compassion and dedication in planning burial services for their loved ones. As successful as he was, Robert did not encourage Jimmy to follow in his footsteps and take over the family business—in fact, he was determined that Jimmy would not do so. Following his father's advice, Jimmy sought to follow another path, attending college and graduate school where he earned an advanced degree in English Literature.

Shortly after completing his Ph.D., Jimmy found himself harkening back to his childhood memories of overhearing the late-night and weekend phone conversations when distraught families called his father to seek help and reassurance. He recalled friends telling him about the important role Robert had played in honoring others' lives. He knew his dad's work mattered and soon realized that he would much rather serve the community than teach in a classroom. So, despite his father's initial disappointment, Jimmy attended mortuary school and began working at the family funeral home, taking over the day-to-day operations when Robert retired in 1975. For nearly five decades, Jimmy has helped families navigate one of the most difficult of life's trials—saying goodbye—ensuring that the time-honored customs and traditions of the Jewish faith are kept with understanding and comfort.

Jimmy's compassion and support of the community goes beyond his professional life. He also dedicates his time and energies to strengthening the reach and capabilities of non-profit organizations like Jewish Family Services. He understands the difference they can make in the lives of others and has made it a personal mission to ensure that these organizations have the resources necessary to meet the needs of the community.

In the Jewish tradition, it is taught that one should give *tzedakah* because they want to, not because they have to and that everyone has a responsibility to help those suffering

from poverty. Through his professional work as well as his personal philanthropy, Jimmy has exemplified that lesson, setting a standard of generosity to which we should all strive. At this evening's annual Spring celebration, a yearly event that marks the renewed commitment of the organization to its mission, Jewish Family Services is honoring Jimmy for his dedicated service. I am honored to join them in extending my heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to James M. Shure for all of his good work on behalf of our community. *Mazel Tov.*

HONORING DALE MOORE

HON. TRACEY MANN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great Kansan, Dale Moore, and to congratulate him on his retirement from a career of dedicated service to farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers.

Dale grew up on a livestock, hay, and grain farm in Copeland, KS, which lies in my district—the Big First. He went to Fort Hays State University, worked for Kansas Pork Producers Council, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and Senator Pat Roberts. In 2001, President Bush appointed Dale to serve as the Chief of Staff at USDA, after which he served as the Legislative Director for the House Agriculture Committee. Most recently, Dale has been serving as Executive Vice President at the American Farm Bureau Federation, where his presence will be deeply missed.

Dale has tirelessly advocated for agriculture for more than 40 years, and he never forgot his southwest Kansas roots or the values he learned there: hard work, others before self, and personal responsibility. I am grateful for Dale's leadership and service, and I offer him, his wife Faith, and their family my best wishes as they begin this new adventure. Congratulations to Dale.

HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE
230TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEFFERSON
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the historic celebration of Jefferson County's 230th anniversary. On June 11, 1792, Governor William Blount, by ordinance formed Jefferson County, originally a part of North Carolina. Later, when Tennessee became a state in 1796, Jefferson County became a part of the state and three other counties have since been fanned out of the original land of Jefferson County.

On July 23, 1792, the first County Court of Jefferson County was organized at the home of Jeremiah Mathews, and the county court selected a distinguished committee to locate a county seat which became Dandridge, in honor of President George Washington's wife, Martha Dandridge Custis Washington; America's first, First Lady.

The famed frontiersman Davy Crockett found his way to Jefferson County and in 1806 was married to Polly Finley at the Finley's homeplace after meeting at a harvest dance and the folk hero sold his rifle in 1806 to post a marriage bond. He and Polly had two children while in Jefferson County and lived here until 1811. Davy Crockett also served two terms in the United States House of Representatives, from 1827 to 1831.

This beautiful county is nestled at the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and is home to 2 TVA lakes and both Cherokee Dam and Douglas Dam were built in record time to support the WWII emergency.

Home to Carson-Newman University, Bush Beans, the world's largest supplier of baked beans, along with many other notable businesses and industries, century farms, and five incorporated cities or towns including Dandridge, Jefferson City, New Market, White Pine, and Baneberry. Jefferson County is home of the Patriots of Jefferson County High School in beautiful Dumplin Valley and continues to be a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

HONORING THE LIONS CLUB OF
NEW HAVEN ON THEIR CENTEN-
NIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to extend my very best wishes to the members of the New Haven Lions Club as they gather to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of this extraordinary community organization. Over the course of its history, the New Haven Lions Club has enabled its members to contribute to our community in a positive and meaningful way. Indeed, in the last century, members of the New Haven Lions Club have helped to shape the very character of our community.

Founded in February of 1922, the New Haven Lions Club was only the second such club started in New England. From the very beginning, member's work in the community concentrated on assistance to local blind persons and underprivileged children. In its earliest years, Lions would repair radios for the blind and transport them to and from local meetings as well donate dinners and presents to needy families during the holidays. Over time, the Lions club has expanded both its membership and its activities on behalf of those in need.

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Today, the New Haven Lions Club can be very proud of the invaluable contributions their members have made both through their efforts to not only assist the blind, the founding mission of the Lions, but in the many ways they make a difference in our community. From Camp Cedarcrest, a forty-two-acre facility located in Orange, Connecticut that began its operations in 1928 and provides a recreational space to thousands of young people and adults each summer season to their participation in Pediatric and Adult Screening events, Special Olympics "Opening Eyes", Veterans Stand Down, and bell ringing on behalf of the Salvation Army, New Haven Lions are improving the quality of life for countless members of our community.

Over the course of their one-hundred-year history, New Haven Lions have raised and distributed over \$950,000 to assist the blind and have participated in service activities that have benefitted those with diabetes, the physically and mentally challenged, and the hearing impaired. Their members have focused their time and energies on working to address environmental issues, improve community welfare, and promote international understating. Organizations like the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, CT Radio Information System, the CT Food Bank, Columbus House, Clifford Beers, and the Ronald McDonald House are just a few of the local service organizations who have benefitted from their generosity and dedication.

The New Haven Lions have had an extraordinary impact on our community, and we cannot thank them enough for all of their good work. As they celebrate their 100th anniversary, I am proud to stand to congratulate them on this remarkable milestone and to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to members past and present for their outstanding efforts on behalf of our community. I have no doubt that they will continue to do so for many more years to come.

CONGRATULATING THE WINNEBAGO HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM FOR THEIR WINS AT THE IHSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize senior Owen Lightfoot, sophomore Supreme Muhammad, sophomore Eden Trotter-Krahn and senior Michael Cunningham of Winnebago High School, who won both the Illinois High School Athletic Association Class 1A State 4x100 meter relay and 4x200 meter relay.

Owen, Supreme, Eden and Michael together won the 4x100 relay with a time of 42.92 seconds and the 4x200 relay with a time of 1 minute and 28.48 seconds. As a former athlete, I commend them for their determination and attitude. They are an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud to see them represent Winnebago so well throughout the state and the country with their talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Owen, Supreme, Eden and Michael that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Con-

gressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Owen Lightfoot, Supreme Muhammad, Eden Trotter-Krahn and Michael Cunningham for their state title in the 4x100 meter relay and 4x200 meter relay.

RECOGNIZING THE HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Hayward Rotary Club, which will celebrate 100 years of serving the Hayward community on Thursday, June 23, 2022.

Hayward Rotary, of which I'm a proud member, was founded in the early 1920s when Hayward business owners regularly started to meet for lunch. Believing Hayward needed a service club, they petitioned their local Rotary District for sponsorship, and on June 23, 1922, Hayward Rotary was established.

Hayward Rotary's first official action as a club was to sponsor the local Boy Scouts troop. During the Great Depression, the club partnered with the Lions and 20 to 30 clubs to create an annual Halloween party at the Hayward Plunge to provide a safe place for children to have fun. They also initiated an annual Christmas party for underprivileged children. During World War II, the club sent clothing and goods to war-torn regions in Europe and helped finance and staff listening posts in the Hayward Hills.

In 1957, Hayward Rotary funded benches at Hayward bus stops, many of which are still in use today. At that same time, the club helped develop Interact Clubs at Hayward high schools to instill the importance of service into the next generation. They also created "Let's Go Fishing," an annual picnic for disabled children in the community. Recognizing the importance of community spaces, they supported the construction of the Tea House in Hayward. Honoring their commitment to supporting international causes, the club oversaw the shipment of 75 tons of textbooks to schools in Pakistan in 1974 and began their Polio Plus Program in the 1980s.

In 1990, the club officially incorporated the Hayward Rotary Foundation to help fund community programs. From 1994 to 1995, the club supported the construction of The Silva Pediatric Clinic, a full-service pediatric facility, and later expanded to add a full-service dental clinic.

In celebration of its 75th anniversary, Hayward Rotary partnered with the Hayward Unified School District to create the Hayward Community Technology Center at the Hayward Adult Education School in 1994. In 1999 they created the Newmann Park in the heart of downtown to replace an empty lot left by a building fire. The club also carried out its "Field of Dreams" project to improve lighting, provide scoreboards, and update facilities at Hayward high schools. In 2003, the club started its annual "Back-to-School Child Spree," where it helped 100 children get the supplies needed for the upcoming school year.

Hayward Rotary has remained one of the premier service clubs in Hayward. During its tenure, the club has contributed over \$3 mil-

lion and hundreds of thousands of service hours to civic improvements and community programs in Hayward and across the globe. It continues to grow its Club Foundation Endowment and the Rotary International Foundation to allow for the completion of more successful community service projects in the future.

For 100 years, Hayward Rotary has been pivotal in developing the robust community of Hayward. Hayward Rotary's accomplishments have truly exemplified its "Service above Self" motto. I join the club in celebrating its legacy and wish it many more productive years to come.

HONORING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC. ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join all of those gathered in congratulating the Community Health Center, Inc. on their 50th anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone for this outstanding organization, and I am proud to recognize their invaluable contributions to our community.

Health care is a right, not a privilege. It is a simple motto and the fundamental basis of the establishment of Community Health Center, Inc. Fifty years ago, a group of students from Wesleyan University joined with community activists in Middletown—drawn together through a shared vision for affordable, accessible and responsive health care—to create a free clinic to meet the needs of the community. Fueled by idealism and a deep belief that patients should be the cornerstone of whatever was created, the Community Health Center, Inc. was born. Today, five decades later, CHC is one of the largest Federally Qualified Health Centers in the nation, serving 145,000 people in Connecticut at more than 240 locations.

Other communities were inspired by CHC's ideas, and it has grown steadily, establishing clinics for the underserved throughout Connecticut, which provide comprehensive, team-based medical, dental, and behavioral health services. CHC also created school-based clinics and is now the largest school-based care provider in Connecticut, offering medical, dental and behavioral health care to children and making care more accessible for thousands of hard-working families.

Home to the Weitzman Institute, an innovative center of research, education, and policy development, CHC has developed and implemented national training programs for Nurse Practitioners and Medical Assistants. CHC has also been a pioneer in telehealth, keeping its patients connected and healthy during the pandemic, and creating a company providing specialty e-consults for underserved patients.

In 2020, as our nation faced the greatest health crisis in a generation, CHC got to work, providing care and distributing resources throughout the communities they serve. CHC provided one of the most comprehensive and innovative campaigns against Covid-19 in the country, creating testing and vaccination sites

both at drive-through mass vaccine sites and at stores, malls, and places of worship. CHC's tireless efforts to equitably distribute the vaccine to all members of the community received national and international recognition, including from the White House.

CHC's restless drive to innovate, dating back to the spirit of its founders in 1972, and its unwavering belief that healthcare is a right and not a privilege, has driven the organization's remarkable contributions in the last half century. I could not be more proud to join the Middletown community in celebrating this very special anniversary with the Community Health Center, Inc. Their outstanding dedication and commitment to ensuring, that everyone—regardless of circumstance—has access to affordable, quality health care serves as an example to us all. I am honored to extend my heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes to President and CEO, Mark Masselli, Margaret Flinter, Senior Vice President and Clinical Director, and the entire CHC family on this very special occasion. As we say in Italian—C'ent Anni.

JOHN WALSH

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Staff Sergeant (SSG), Mr. John Walsh of Cherry Hill, New Jersey who dedicated 50 years of his life to his community and our country.

SSG Walsh was born in Chicago, Illinois, enlisting in the Illinois National Guard in 1961. He completed his basic infantry training at Ft. Leonard Wood, where he was awarded a Sharpshooter Rifle Badge.

SSG Walsh was also trained in Air Defense as a Radar Fire Control Crewman at Fort Bliss, Texas. He served our country for 6 more years, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Continuing his dedication and service to his community and country, SSG Walsh is involved locally, serving his neighbors and fellow veterans as the Senior Vice Commander of the American Legion 372.

Staff Sergeant Walsh also serves as a Lieutenant of the Regional Rehab Unit for the Cherry Hill Fire Department which provides support and offers food to the Firefighters responding to multiple alarm fires. In addition, he volunteers with the local food pantry and with the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

SSG John Walsh is married to his wife Kay, and is the proud father of four children and grandfather to thirteen grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring SSG John Walsh, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to his community, country and to those who have bravely served and defended the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT FITZGERALD

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen travel delays, I was unable to be recorded for votes on Monday, June 13, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 256; YEA on Roll Call No. 257; and YEA on Roll Call No. 258.

HONORING LUISA CANESTRI HOWARD ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today during National Nurses Week to join the VA Connecticut Healthcare System in extending my heartfelt congratulations to Luisa Canestri Howard. Luisa is not only a special part of the VA Connecticut family, she is also one of my closest cousins and I am so proud to have the opportunity to recognize her for her outstanding career in nursing.

Luisa began her career at the West Haven VA in January of 1982. Luisa had a special place in her heart for our nation's veterans and she wanted to use her talents to help improve their lives and support their healthcare needs. Her first station was as a staff nurse on G 5 East which was a medical floor. She then moved to a staff nurse on the Medical ICU, then worked in Cardiology research. After that she became the Nurse Manager of the Specialty Clinics. As a staff nurse Luisa held certifications in Medical Surgical nursing and in Research Nursing. In 2007 she was awarded the Nightingale award for excellence in nursing and in 2009 she was awarded the VISN1 Distinguished Federal Manager Award.

In 2013 Luisa started her current role as Nurse Manager of Case Management where she became responsible for the day-to-day operations of the unit. Luisa has provided remarkable leadership, encouragement, and instruction to those who have served in her department. Her colleagues say "Luisa is a true veteran advocate who always does the right thing in every situation. She is a true mentor to our nurses and provides unwavering support to all members of our team and especially to our veterans."

For the last forty years, Luisa has dedicated her professional career and personal compassion to nursing and providing the best possible care for our veterans. I can clearly remember my aunt talking about how she always dreamed of being a nurse but for many reasons was unable to achieve that dream. Luisa became the nurse her mother always wanted to be, fulfilling that dream, and exceeding all her mother's brightest wishes. It is so fitting that her retirement comes during National Nurses Week so that we may pay tribute to Luisa Canestri Howard and the remarkable career she has led. I wish her all the best for many more years of health and happiness as she begins this new life chapter.

HONORING DR. ALEX JOHNSON

HON. SHONTEL M. BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Alex Johnson, who will soon be retiring after nearly a decade of service as Cuyahoga Community College's President.

Dr. Johnson retires a pillar of the Cleveland community. His deep commitment to Tri-C's students and forward-thinking leadership helped shape graduates who were prepared for a lifetime of success in Northeast Ohio.

After becoming President of Tri-C in 2014, Dr. Johnson shared his vision for pushing Tri-C into the future by making degree programs, workforce training opportunities and personal enrichment classes more accessible to Northeast Ohioans. As a result, Tri-C continues to expand opportunity through high-quality education and skills training right here in the Greater Cleveland area.

Under Dr. Johnson's leadership, Tri-C's Nursing, Creative Arts, Public Safety, Hospitality Management, Information Technology and Manufacturing programs were reorganized to provide training and pathways for students entering some of the most in-demand career fields. He also spearheaded new investments in workforce training, like the College's Transportation Innovation Center in Euclid, as well as new programs aimed at uplifting those in low-income and distressed areas across the region.

During Dr. Johnson's tenure, Tri-C produced a record number of graduates and increased its graduation rates. It is hard to overstate the impact of this legacy. More students are graduating from Tri-C with the skills and information they need for a lifetime of success. Meanwhile, our workforce grows stronger thanks to the fact that around 85 percent of Tri-C graduates stay and work in the region.

Even in the most trying moments, Dr. Johnson's leadership proved to be crucial. Throughout the tumult of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Johnson served as a steady hand at the helm, ensuring students' continued success. Tri-C successfully transitioned to an on line learning and working environment and scaled its technology capabilities to maintain the school's promise to its students.

Dr. Johnson oversaw an era of growth, adaptation, and modernization at Tri-C, all while remaining committed to the school's core mission of delivering affordable higher education, providing equitable job opportunities, and ensuring successful degree completion. He helped to forge Tri-C into a vanguard of our local community and a model for community colleges nationwide.

Dr. Johnson's legacy is one of true distinction. His tenure as Tri-C president represents the culmination of a 40-year career in higher education. Beyond his contributions in the classroom, Dr. Johnson has also been an active and leading member of the Cleveland community. He has served on various boards, including the United Way of Greater Cleveland, Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Ideastream, Playhouse Square, MAGNET, Team NEO, and the Greater Cleveland Partnership.

As a Tri-C graduate and the Representative for Ohio's Eleventh District, I deeply appreciate Dr. Johnson's extraordinary leadership, unparalleled vision, and lasting accomplishments. His legacy will only continue to grow through the countless students, teachers, and administrators he impacted.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's Eleventh Congressional District, I would like to thank Dr. Alex Johnson for his years of service as Tri-C's President and congratulate him on his retirement.

RECOGNIZING DR. RONALD A. PAUL

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the thoughtful and visionary leadership of Dr. Ronald A. Paul, the outgoing President of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater Washington. During the last two years of the pandemic, Ron's compassionate and energetic leadership enabled the JCRC to render essential service not just to the Jewish Community but to the broader community during an excruciatingly hard time for so many people. Dr. Paul has served the people of Montgomery County, Maryland and beyond with relentless energy and enormous distinction. I am proud to be his Congressman and his friend.

For decades, Dr. Paul has dedicated countless hours as a key member of numerous executive committees and boards of local and national non-profit organizations. He served as Chair of the United Jewish Endowment Fund, Chair of the Endowment for the Jewish Agency for Israel of North America and the boards of the Jewish Council for the Aging, and the Anti-Defamation League.

But these commitments are not even his full-time job. For over four decades, Dr. Paul has worked as a renowned obstetrician-gynecologist while serving our community in numerous volunteer and leadership roles. His comprehensive approach to health care and inspirational leadership are deserving of the highest recognition and praise. Ron has been named one of Washingtonian magazine's Top Doctors.

Additionally, Dr. Paul and his loving wife, Toni, have dedicated themselves to serving survivors of the Holocaust in our community, and I want to give special recognition to Toni for founding the local Café Europa, a nationwide social program for survivors that has grown around the world since it was founded two decades ago.

Holocaust remembrance and education have been near and dear to Ron during his term as JCRC President, along with community security, and education and public health advocacy. His dedication to Maryland's Jewish community serves as an example for us all of what it means to be an engaged American citizen. I hope that the House will join me in celebrating Dr. Paul's enduring contributions.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPRINGS LEARNING CENTER

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, in a year which marks the 200th anniversary of the Dominican Sisters ministry in United States, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, who make their home in City of New Haven, are marking a special milestone—the 20th Anniversary of the Springs Learning Center. Over the course of the last two decades, the Center has become an invaluable resource to our community, and, in particular to the immigrants who have chosen to make the Greater New Haven area their home.

Education has always been a core component of the work of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Indeed, they have provided educational and pastoral services in New Haven since 1901 in elementary, secondary, and college programs. Recognizing the growing adult literacy and English as a Second Language needs in the community, the Dominican Sisters opened Springs Learning Center in 2002 to continue their educational mission in the Fair Haven area.

Since opening its doors just twenty years ago, the Springs Learning Center has helped over one thousand learners improve their English language skills—and all with the assistance of over one hundred volunteer tutors, come of whom have been with the Center since the very beginning. These dedicated tutors have opened new doors of opportunity to those they have served, helping them to boost their employment and business development prospects, enhance their contributions to the community, and assist them in their pursuit of citizenship.

As the child of an immigrant, I understand the challenges these families can face as they try to acclimate to a new community and a new country. My father, Ted DeLauro, came to this country as a child and when his teachers and fellow classmates made fun of him for not immediately understanding the English language, he left school. He was just in 7th grade at the time. He was self-taught but never forgot his struggles and he dedicated much of his time as an adult helping other Italian immigrants translate documents and to learn the language. I can remember the visible relief and gratitude of each person and family he helped—it is that same remarkable gift that the Dominican Sisters and the volunteers at the Springs Learning Center give to each immigrant who seeks their help.

It is an honor for me to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the Dominican Sisters of Peace and the many volunteers and supporters of the Springs Learning Center as they celebrate their 20th Anniversary. My heartfelt thanks for their invaluable service, and very best wishes for many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING THE ILLINI BLUFFS HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM AS IHSA CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Illini Bluffs High School Softball Team as Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 1A State Champions.

The Illini Bluffs Softball team is no stranger to excelling when it comes to competition. The team has continued the legacy of competing in and winning the Class 1A State Championship for the second year in a row. The team now has two titles in Class 1A and are only one of two teams to do so since 2010. They are also the only team to have had a no-hitter finish in a State Title game since 1999. As a former student athlete, I commend them for their hard work and dedication.

I am incredibly proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District and the student athletes of Illini Bluffs High School. Madam Speaker, I would like to formally congratulate Illini Bluffs again on winning the Illinois High School Association Class 1A State Championships for Softball.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. McHENRY. Madam Speaker, due to a family emergency, I was unable to vote on June 13, 2022.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 256; YEA on Roll Call No. 257; and YEA on Roll Call No. 258.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAPEL HAVEN SCHLEIFER CENTER

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the residents, families, administration, and supporters of Chapel Haven Schleifer Center as they mark the 50th Anniversary of this very special organization.

In 1972 a group of parents who shared the challenges of caring for adult children with varying levels of social and developmental disabilities banded together to try to find a solution to a common goal. As the late Jerry Rossman, one of the Center's co-founders, once described, they wanted "a place where our kids could live and learn their independence and then go home." Since they could not find an existing program to meet their needs, the opened the Chapel Haven Schleifer Center as a private non-profit special needs agency. The Center was opened on Chapel Street in New Haven, Connecticut with 6 students, 2 staff, and a dog.

As word of the program's success spread and enrolled adults chose to make New Haven their lifelong home, the agency began to expand and needed to move to a larger campus. Today, Chapel Haven Schleifer Center occupies a flourishing campus on Whalley Avenue and serves over two-hundred fifty adults, ranging in age from eighteen to seventy, who are living with Down Syndrome, autism, intellectual disabilities, Asperger Syndrome and more.

The program's mission is to empower adults with social and developmental disabilities to live independent and self-determined lives. A new \$41.5 million capital campaign has resulted in state-of-the-art residential, teaching and community spaces, including the addition of a senior living facility, allowing senior members of the community to continue to live among friends and with independence.

Chapel Haven Schleifer Center has been recognized locally and nationally with a myriad of awards and commendations. The deep partnerships they have built within the New Haven community, particularly in Westville community which they call home, have enabled the Chapel Haven Schleifer Center to create a safe, nurturing environment where their clients and residents can thrive. It is my honor to stand today to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to the dedication administration and staff as well supporters of Chapel Haven for all that they do to ensure the success of this very special organization. Congratulations and Happy 50th Anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF COMMUNITY LEADER AND
PUBLIC SERVANT SYLVIA SASS

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. STRICKLAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Sylvia Sass, an extraordinary public servant and community leader in Washington State.

Since she was young, Sylvia Sass has been committed to overcoming obstacles. When Sylvia was 15, she applied for a sales position at a local shoe store where the store manager told her that they didn't hire women to sell shoes. She was given a trial period where she received no pay and, in the end, sold more shoes than the assistant manager. This same tenacity led Sylvia to become one of Tacoma's leading figures while serving her local and national community, raising a family, and owning a business.

So it was no surprise in 1956, when Tacoma's Mayor needed help rebuilding international relations around the world in the aftermath of World War II, that he turned to Sylvia Sass. She became the mayor's representative for President Eisenhower's Town Affiliation Association, today Sister Cities International. Sylvia was a vital player in the early development of the organization and was appointed Washington State Coordinator for Sister Cities International. She attended regional meetings and represented SCI at annual League of Cities meetings with mayors from across the country. She was even one of twelve people selected as delegates to have lunch with President Eisenhower. To this day, she remains active as

an honorary board member and is known as the First Lady of Sister Cities International.

In addition to her work with SCI, Sylvia has been a dedicated community leader in Tacoma and Pierce County for decades, founding the Lakewood Alacoma Club, a non-profit center for recovering alcoholics, receiving a volunteer award from the National Association for Mental Illness, and serving on the University Place Parks and Recreation Commission. In 2011, as former Tacoma Mayor, I declared March 1 as Sylvia B. Sass Day to recognize the amazing service and work she has done for the city of Tacoma.

Madam Speaker, Sylvia Sass exemplifies hard work, perseverance, and selfless service to others. She is a deeply respected member of our community and has profoundly impacted her region, country, and the world for decades. I am proud to call her my friend.

HONORING JUNETEENTH AS A
NATIONAL HOLIDAY

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the upcoming Juneteenth National Holiday, a day in which we celebrate the freedom of African Americans.

On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, proclaiming freedom for more than 3.5 million enslaved African Americans. On June 19, 1865, more than two years later, enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas, received the notice from U.S. General Gordon Granger that stated, "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free." In 1866, black Americans celebrated the first of many annual celebrations of Juneteenth on June 19. Beginning with a proclamation in 1938 and legislation in 1979, Texas became the first state to make Juneteenth an official holiday. More than half of the United States have, in recent years, recognized Juneteenth in some capacity, including Georgia. I have been a part of this celebration for the past several years, speaking at local ceremonies; and I appreciate the history of this commemoration.

I further believe it is important to celebrate freedom and liberty at every opportunity, which is why I supported S. 475, Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, when it came up for a vote in Congress in 2021. This national holiday is a celebration of freedom, and should be recognized by all Americans; as well as a day where we remember the moral stain that slavery had on our country. On behalf of the 11th Congressional District, and the United States House of Representatives, I join others throughout America in recognizing the freedom and individual liberty that Juneteenth represents.

HONORING IRWIN GARFINKEL,
PHD. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join family, friends, and colleagues in extending my very best wishes to Dr. Irwin Garfinkel on the occasion of his retirement. To say that he has left an indelible mark does not do justice to the impact that his professional contributions as a social worker and economist have made over the course of his career. There is no one that has done more to bring to the forefront of public debate the realities of poverty and its impact on families, children, and our communities. Dr. Garfinkel's volume of work has been extraordinary and we, as policy makers and as a society, have been fortunate to have benefited from his knowledge and expertise.

In a career that has spanned more than six decades, Dr. Garfinkel has dedicated countless hours to better understanding poverty, wealth, and the welfare state and how they shape communities and societies. Some of his earliest work was in Wisconsin, as the director of the Institute for Policy Research and later as the principle investigator of the Wisconsin Child Support Study where his research on child support and welfare helped to shape legislation not only in Wisconsin, but other states, within the U.S. Congress, and in other countries like Great Britain, Australia, and Sweden.

Dr. Garfinkel is also the author of over two hundred articles and sixteen books or edited volumes on poverty, income transfers, program evaluation, single-parent families and child support, and the welfare state. In fact, his book "Wealth and Welfare States: Is America Laggard or Leader?" and paper "Welfare State Myths and Measurement" take on widespread mistruths about poverty and the poor. Dr. Garfinkel went on to become a co-founding director of the Center on Poverty and Social Policy and spent decades at Columbia University where he was the Mitchell I. Ginsberg Professor of Contemporary Urban Problems and the co-founding director of the Columbia Population Research Center—the only such center to be funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to have been founded within a school of social work.

Throughout his career, Dr. Garfinkel has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to not only combatting poverty, but to understanding its sources—to look at the root causes and then look at how social and public policy could help families to break its cyclical nature. I have a deep respect and admiration for the work he has done.

I want to extend a special note of thanks to Dr. Garfinkel for the guidance and counsel he has given to me over the years, particularly with my work on expanding the child tax credit. That single public policy lifted half of American children out of poverty, and it did so because of the foundation of research and study that Irv provided. Passed and signed into law as part of the American Rescue Plan, we witnessed the economic benefit this policy had for families—especially the poor—and that is why we must continue the effort to make the expanded child tax credit permanent.

Today, as we mark Dr. Garfinkel's retirement, it is my hope that he knows that his commitment to ending poverty—from the research centers he has founded to his unparalleled catalog of work—will most certainly stand as a legacy that will continue to inspire new generations of social workers, economists, policy makers and advocates. It is with my deepest thanks and appreciation that I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Irwin Garfinkel on his retirement, and wish him many more years of health and happiness as he begins this new life chapter.

RECOGNITION OF THE EGYPT-U.S. PARTNERSHIP

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fruitful United States-Egypt partnership. The year 2022 marks 100 years of diplomatic relations between our two nations. As co-chair of the U.S. House of Representatives' Friends of Egypt Caucus, I believe it is of paramount importance that we commemorate this partnership rooted in shared commitments to peace, stability and prosperity. As such, I include in the RECORD this Newsweek article, entitled "Let's Continue to Strengthen the Egypt-U.S. Partnership" published on April 18, 2022, and penned by Ambassador of Egypt to the United States, Mr. Motaz Zahran. In this piece, Ambassador Zahran details how cooperation between the U.S. and Egypt has bolstered multilateral support for Ukraine, strengthened counterterrorism efforts in the Middle East and enabled COVID-19 care to reach vulnerable populations.

As President Joe Biden and leaders on Capitol Hill manage the geopolitical crisis in Ukraine, the Egypt-U.S. national security partnership recently came into the national spotlight. In the U.S. Congress, an overwhelming majority of U.S. decision makers once again recognized the importance of strategic allies such as Egypt and approved the sale of aircrafts and military hardware that will allow Egypt and the U.S. to undertake missions in the interests of both countries, working toward achieving stability in the Middle East and North Africa.

This latest sale debated in Congress specifically concentrated on C-130 military transport airplanes. Egypt already possesses a fleet of those airframes previously obtained from the U.S. However, like all military hardware, those airplanes have a shelf life and need constant refurbishment and replacement. It is therefore logical to be looking at our partners in the U.S. for that, especially given the central role the C-130 plays in our common interests.

Egyptian C-130s carried 35,000 Egyptian troops to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with American troops liberating Kuwait during the 1990s. In 2003, the same fleet carried an Egyptian field hospital to Bagram airbase in Afghanistan, providing medical services to both the alliance personnel as well as Afghan people. The fleet of C-130 have carried Egyptian peacekeepers deployed to some of the most dangerous hotspots in the world at a great danger to themselves, and unfortunately with several casualties including most recently in Mali a few short weeks ago.

The C-130s have also allowed us to provide urgently needed humanitarian assistance to disaster zones in Sudan, Somalia and deliver masks and personal protection gears to the U.S. medical community during the worse days of the outbreak of COVID-19. We hope to do more as we replenish our fleet. But those aircrafts are not the only fruits of cooperation between our two militaries.

The Egyptian military is also actively involved in supporting the safe passage of U.S. naval vessels through the Suez Canal. One of our core responsibilities is to safeguard navigation in the Suez Canal—through which 12 percent of global trade flows. Our commitment to providing maritime security extends to the Mediterranean and Red Seas, where we actively work with partners to safeguard the flow of commerce.

The depth of the Egypt-U.S. military partnership is exemplified by Exercise Bright Star, which witnesses hundreds of U.S. military personnel join their Egyptian counterparts in what is regarded as the most significant biennial military exercise in the Middle East and Mediterranean region. Egypt, the U.S. and our allies are ready to respond swiftly to crises in the region together because of these exercises.

Egypt has committed itself to being a secure and stable country despite the turmoil in nearby states. The Egyptian military has been successful in fighting terrorist offshoots of ISIS and acts as a deterrent force against would-be aggressors. Civil conflict has plagued Yemen, Syria and Libya while Egypt remains a stable and prosperous country. Moreover, our stability and security has enabled us to play a leading role in pushing for elections in Libya and calling for the expulsion of foreign mercenaries who only cause chaos and suffering.

The Egyptian government has taken substantial strides to advance and promote human rights. In the past few months, Egypt launched its first ever National Strategy for Human Rights, a blueprint that puts forward a comprehensive approach to advance human rights. Laws advancing women's rights and providing opportunities for their equal participation in civic society have been introduced—we are moving forward and setting an example for the region. The State of Emergency, which was necessary to quell terrorism in the country, has been suspended. This is in large part due to the successful cooperation between Egypt and the U.S. in disrupting terrorist networks on our borders. New laws that facilitate the work of local and foreign NGOs operating in Egypt, as well as moves to promote religious freedom, will build a pluralistic civil society that is secure and stable for all Egyptians. Egypt's rock-solid commitment to its people resonates and reverberates at each crossroad.

In an era of great power competition, instability in Eastern Europe, tensions in the Indo-Pacific region and proliferation concerns in the Middle East, we welcome the bipartisan support of the U.S. Congress as work to replenish our aging military equipment.

TRIBUTE TO DR. C. WARREN DERRICK, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. C. Warren Derrick, Jr. Born in Mullins, SC and raised in Marion.

Dr. Derrick was the eldest son of Helen and Warren Derrick, Sr. After graduating from Marion High School as president of the student body in 1954, he entered Wofford College where he was a member of Blue Key and President of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He graduated in 1958.

Deciding on a career in medicine, he matriculated at the Medical College of South Carolina, graduating in 1962. While in medical school, he married Ann Marie Berry of Spartanburg.

After completing a rotating internship at Greenville Memorial Hospital, he was inducted into the U.S. Army as a Captain in the Medical Corps and stationed in Nuremberg, Germany. He served for 2 years as Battalion Surgeon for the 34th Artillery, 2nd AC. He was discharged in 1965 and accepted a position with Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan as a physician in their student health center for one year. In 1966, he started a 2-year pediatric residency at the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama which was followed by a 3-year fellowship in pediatric infectious disease at the Children's Hospital of Alabama.

Upon the completion of his fellowship, he was appointed Assistant Professor of Pediatrics. He rose to Associate Professor in 1975 and served as Director of Outpatient Services at the Children's Hospital. It was during their 10 years in Birmingham that their 3 children were born.

Dr. Derrick returned to South Carolina and accepted a position with Sumter Pediatrics in Sumter in January 1977. After 10 months in private practice, he was offered, and he accepted, a faculty position with the fledgling new medical school in Columbia as Professor of Pediatrics and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, University of South Carolina School of Medicine—a position he was to hold for the next 29 years.

During his tenure with Children's Hospital and the medical school, he was instrumental in the growth and development of the pediatric department and establishment of the state's first free-standing children's hospital. Under his leadership, the department developed a national reputation for its educational excellence and patient care. He retired in 2007.

His many honors include distinguished alumni/service awards from the Children's Hospital of Alabama, USC School of Medicine, and Wofford College; The Presidential Merit Award, MUSC; William Weston Distinguished Service Award, Department of Pediatrics, USC School of Medicine; and the Order of the Palmetto, State of South Carolina.

He was predeceased by Ann, his wife of 58 years. Surviving are his 3 children: Andrea Derrick Truitt (Chip), Hope Derrick (Marc Turner), and Scott Derrick (Melissa); six grandchildren: Abby, Shelby, and Rachel Truitt; Ethan and Emery Turner; and Tripp Derrick, all of Columbia. He is also survived by his brother Bill Derrick (Jo) of Myrtle Beach and was predeceased by his sister, Susan Derrick of Palatka, Florida.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. C. Warren Derrick, Jr.

HONORING THE GIRL FRIENDS, INC.—NEW HAVEN CHAPTER ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the New Haven Chapter of Girl Friends, Inc. as they celebrate their 90th Anniversary at their annual Kentucky Derby Luncheon. The oldest African American female service organization in New Haven, the New Haven Girl Friends is a unique organization within our community.

Chartered just five years after the national organization, the New Haven Girl Friends have been a center of service and community for African American women in our community. Their work to promote friendship, social interaction, charitable and cultural activities has enriched our community and the lives of its residents. From their success in housing all visiting members at the organization's 1942 Conclave and integrating the Taft Hotel in downtown New Haven to their generous support of projects like the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture as well as the NAACP and The Girl Friends Fund Scholarship program, the New Haven Girl Friends have left an indelible mark on our community.

Each year on the weekend of the Kentucky Derby, members gather in fellowship to raise funds for scholarships that are awarded annually to students throughout Greater New Haven and Hartford as well as to benefit local community-based programs, the nonprofit Girl Friends Fund Foundation and other initiatives of the New Haven Chapter. Their mission has been to actively engage the community and their goals are rooted in the understanding that our communities thrive when every member contributes to its success. The members of the New Haven Girl Friends include some of our communities most prominent social advocates—many of whom dedicate both their professional and personal lives to public service. These women stand as role models for us all, but particularly for our young people. They inspire us with their deep commitment to community and compassion for others.

It is my great honor to rise today to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the New Haven Chapter of Girl Friends, Inc. for their innumerable and invaluable contributions to our community. It is my honor to congratulate you on your 90th Anniversary and, as we say in Italian, C'ent Anni—to another hundred years.

CONGRATULATING NICHOLAS PATRICK FOR HIS WIN AT THE IHSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN TENNIS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nicholas Patrick, a freshman

from Alleman Catholic High School, who won the Illinois High School Athletic Association Class 1A State tennis title.

Nicholas won the 1A state tennis title in singles, becoming the first Quad Cities area IHSA boys state tennis champion since 1996. As a former athlete, I commend him for his determination and attitude. Nicholas is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud to see him represent Rock Island so well throughout the state and the country with his talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Nicholas that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Nicholas Patrick on his Class 1A State title in tennis.

CONGRATULATING JAMES RASMUSSEN ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AS A STRONG COMMUNITY LEADER

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate James Rasmussen on his retirement. James has served as a strong community leader working on environmental, habitat, and community issues along the Duwamish River.

My staff and I have had the pleasure of working with James for several years. He has played an important role serving his community as part of the Duwamish Tribe and the Duwamish River Community Coalition.

James has been an extremely effective advocate for the cleanup of the Duwamish River. He has also been a fierce supporter of the river's nearby communities and has served as a tireless and committed advocate for decades in our region. His efforts and dedication have been invaluable in support of the protection of the Duwamish River. His work will help to ensure that the river is restored for future generations.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely thank and commend James Rasmussen for spending his career focused on the protection and cleanup of the Duwamish River. I congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING RICHARD SMITH OF MILFORD, CONNECTICUT FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join family, friends, and community leaders to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Richard Smith of Milford, Connecticut for his outstanding and invaluable contributions to our community.

A graduate of Yale University and Trinity College, where he majored in political science

with concentrations in American government and public policy respectively, Rich has always held a firm commitment to giving back to his community. He sought ways in which he could use his passion for government and public policy to make a difference, enrich the community, and improve the quality of life for others. Having spent a number of his high school years volunteering on various local campaigns, he became a member of his local town committee where he has spent decades supporting local candidates and driving policy agendas. Dedication his time and energies to the committee and its work, he took on several leadership positions, including serving as its chairman for a record-breaking eighteen years.

As much as politics is his passion, public service is the moral compass by which Rich is guided. He has volunteered countless hours to serving both the City of Milford and the State of Connecticut. Appointed by the Mayor, he has served for a number of years as a member of the Regional Water Authority's Representative Policy Board which is charged with the appointment of the five members to serve on the Regional Water Authority; the approval of land sales, rate increases, bond sales and any capital project with a cost in excess of \$2 million; the appointment of the Office of Consumer Affairs as well as the external auditor; and the ratification of the appointment of the chief executive officer. For the last decade he has served as a member of the Milford Police Commission, also serving as its chairman for several terms. In 2017, he was nominated to a five-year term by then Governor Dannel Malloy to serve on Connecticut's Judicial Review Council as one of six citizen members. Established in 1976, the Judicial Review Council is charged with investigating and acting on allegations of misconduct within the state's judicial system. In every facet of his service to the community, Rich has leveraged his appreciation and excitement for politics and government into making a real difference in the lives of others.

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Rich for many years now and consider myself fortunate to have a friend like him in my corner. His leadership and vision have left an indelible mark that will continue to inspire generations of new community leaders for years to come. I am honored to rise today to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Richard Smith for his outstanding service to the community and his dedicated work on behalf of others. I wish him as well as his wife, Michelle, and daughters Melissa, Meghan, and Rebecca, all the best for many more years of health and happiness.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SURVEY ON REMEDYING THE EFFECT OF DISCRIMINATION IN FEDERAL CONTRACTING

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the executive summary of a report by the Department of Justice (DOJ) titled "The Compelling

Interest to Remedy the Effects of Discrimination in Federal Contracting: A Survey of Recent Evidence.” The DOJ summary and associated report illustrate how systemic discrimination continues to create barriers for women- and minority-owned businesses to fairly compete for federal contracts and how federal contracting programs can respond to, address, and remedy the harmful effects of discrimination.

[From the U.S. Department of Justice, May 16, 2022]

THE COMPELLING INTEREST TO REMEDY THE EFFECTS OF DISCRIMINATION IN FEDERAL CONTRACTING: A SURVEY OF RECENT EVIDENCE—EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On January 27, 2022, the Department of Justice posted a notice in the Federal Register announcing the publication of a Department of Justice report surveying the evidence supporting the use of race- and sex-conscious contracting programs by the federal government in order to remedy the effects of discrimination.

This report is third in a series created by the Department of Justice since the Supreme Court determined that federal race-conscious contracting programs must meet the strict scrutiny standard of review to survive a constitutional challenge based on the Equal Protection Clause in *Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Peña*, 515 U.S. 200, 227 (1995). Each report has compiled and summarized the evidence of discriminatory barriers that businesses owned by women and people of color face that impede participation in government contracting. Both previous reports have been cited in federal court as evidence that there is a compelling governmental interest in programs that support the ability of businesses owned by people of color to compete on an equal basis. Strict scrutiny is the most exacting standard of review, and it requires, among other things, evidence supporting the conclusion that such measures are necessary to further the compelling governmental interest in remedying the effects of past and present racial discrimination. If a program contains affirmative measures based on sex, those measures are subject to the somewhat lower standard of intermediate scrutiny. That standard demands that any gender-based preference be substantially related to an important governmental objective.

In assessing whether race- and sex-conscious government contracting programs could continue to survive heightened levels of judicial review, the Department of Justice reviewed hundreds of state and local disparity studies, dozens of congressional hearings and related testimony, government reports on public contracting, academic and expert reports on public and federal contracting, academic and government reports on financial data related to small businesses, and recent case law related to Equal Protection challenges to government contracting and grant programs. The disparity studies, congressional hearings, and academic reports contain both quantitative and qualitative evidence of the persistence of discrimination and its lingering effects in the public and private sector.

The Department of Justice report determines that there is a strong basis in evidence, both quantitative and qualitative, of the continued pervasiveness of discriminatory barriers that impede the full and fair participation of businesses owned by women or people of color in government contracting. The evidence discussed in this report supports the compelling interest in the continued use of federal programs that contain remedial measures to eliminate discriminatory barriers to contracting opportu-

nities for businesses owned by minorities and an important state interest in the continued use of federal programs that contain remedial measures to eliminate discriminatory barriers to contracting opportunities for businesses owned for women.

Both the qualitative and quantitative evidence shows the various ways discrimination hinders the ability of minority- and women-owned businesses to compete equitably for government contracts. While this discrimination can take many forms, primary obstacles include: (1) discrimination limiting access to capital; (2) discrimination by procurement agencies and prime contractors; (3) exclusion from business networks, and (4) discrimination in lending and by bonding companies and suppliers.

In assessing the current public contracting environment faced by minority- and women-owned businesses, the Department of Justice reviewed over 200 disparity studies from state and local jurisdictions in 34 different states and the District of Columbia. Disparity studies are quantitative demographic analysis of public procurement contracting utilization as compared to local business availability categorized by the race or sex of the owner. The review of these studies shows that there continues to be substantial disparities between the availability of minority- and women-owned businesses and the utilization of such businesses in state and local government procurement in all areas of the country and at all levels of procurement. The overwhelming majority of these studies showed significant under-utilization of minority- and women-owned businesses in almost every sector of public procurement. The report cited to an overview of these disparity studies conducted by the Minority Business Development Agency in 2016, which found that the studies indicated significant contracting disparities for minority business enterprises that were pervasive across different ethnic and racial groups, industries, and geographies. Shockingly, the median value for the observed disparities was just 19%, indicating that minority businesses were being utilized at less than one-fifth of their availability in a given marketplace.

The report also reviewed federal government small business contracting. In 2017, just 9.8% of federal spending on contracts went to minority-owned businesses. The same year, woman-owned businesses received only 5% of federal prime contract awards. Even when comparing businesses and controlling for the industry in which the firm did business, business age, business size (both in terms of average number of employees and annual receipts), business form, and security clearance, the likelihood of minority-owned businesses receiving a federal contract versus similar businesses is still lower than non-minority-owned businesses.

Overwhelmingly, the disparity studies and reports also present evidence linking disparities in contracting to discriminatory factors. In the private financial sector, historic barriers and private discrimination has limited the ability of minority business owners to accumulate assets and wealth. Minority-owned businesses are two to three times more likely to be denied credit, more likely to avoid applying for loans based on the belief they will be turned down, and more likely to receive smaller loans and pay higher interest rates on the loans they do receive. Minority- and women-owned firms not only receive smaller loans at higher interest rates than firms owned by White males, but they also get smaller equity investments.

In the bonding arena, both quantitative and qualitative evidence shows that bonding requirements disproportionately affect businesses owned by women or people of color.

83% of minority- and women-owned businesses identified bonding requirements as a specific barrier to the ability to obtain contracts. A number of recent studies show that minority-owned firms are significantly more likely to face difficulties in obtaining required bonds compared with majority-owned firms.

The evidence presented in the report indicates that the barriers that have impeded the growth and success of minority- and women-owned businesses continue to exist and that government contracting preference programs ameliorate the effects of public and private discrimination. For example, a 2017 disparity study prepared for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority compared the participation of minority- and women-owned businesses on contracts that contained goals to encourage utilization of minority- and women-owned businesses as opposed to contracts that did not contain such goals. The results showed that on contracts without goals, minority- and women-owned firms earned only 53 cents on the dollar, but on contracts with goals, such firms earned 96 cents on the dollar—almost what would be expected given the availability of such firms in the marketplace.

The federal government currently operates two main contracting programs with race and/or sex-conscious elements: the SBA Section 8(a) business development program and the Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program. All federal departments and major independent agencies participate in the SSA's Section 8(a) business development program, which offers a variety of assistance, including set-aside federal government contracts to socially and economically disadvantaged businesses. In Fiscal Year 2019, the federal government awarded \$30.4 billion to 8(a) firms.

Appendices of 219 state and local disparity studies, 45 relevant academic and government studies, and 28 Congressional hearings are included with the report. The Federal Register notice announcing the report may be found at 87 FR 4955, and the report itself is publicly available at the Department of Justice.

DONALD BORDEN

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor educator Donald A. Borden of Blackwood, New Jersey.

Donald A. Borden began his long scholastic career teaching both special and general education, while volunteering his time coaching numerous varsity sports. Additionally, he taught for many years as an adjunct professor at Camden County College.

He went on to his first of many administrative positions when he became the Assistant Principal of Audubon High School, followed by his time as Principal of the Mansion Avenue Elementary School. Mr. Borden holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Rowan University, a bachelor's degree from Glassboro State College and has been and continues to be a strong supporter of South Jersey schools and universities.

Soon after, Mr. Borden became the Principal of Audubon Junior-Senior High School, where he worked closely with Camden County College to provide both remediation and credit-bearing course offerings to students. Mr.

Borden was promoted to superintendent of the Audubon Public School District in Camden County from 2006 to 2013, where he served as an officer of the Camden County Superintendent's Roundtable and solidified the district's financial footing while increasing diversity through the implementation of the school-choice program.

In 2015, Mr. Borden would go on to become Executive Vice President at Camden County College. On April 5, 2016, Mr. Borden was appointed as Camden County College's fifth president. During his tenure as president, Mr. Borden has served as the Chair of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges' Presidents and served as Chair of the Campus Safety Committee for the State of New Jersey's President's Council.

Today, Mr. Borden continues to uphold his commitment to the educational community by serving on committees charged with increasing dual credit opportunities for high school students. He was also selected by The Institute for Citizens and Scholars as a Fellow, representing New Jersey to explore best practices in higher education.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Donald A. Borden, a resident dedicated to his community and to the advancement of educational opportunity.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF JERRY YOUNG

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Jerry Young of Tennessee's 1st Congressional District. Mr. Young currently serves as President of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Morristown. He was named President in May 2017 and since that time, TCAT of Morristown has seen technical training opportunities expand for all residents in the college's ten county service area. The college has added dual enrollment opportunities for high school students in seven counties and completed a fourteen-million-dollar advanced manufacturing training center that will be the hub of workforce development in the region.

Before beginning his career with the Tennessee Board of Regents, he served in the U.S. Navy as an Electronics Technician for 5 years. For 3 of those years, he was deployed for overseas operations where he was awarded a Naval Expeditionary Medal, Battle Efficiency Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Marksmanship Medal and two Naval Sea Service Ribbons. After leaving the Navy, he worked as an engineer while earning his Master of Arts degree from the University of the Cumberland, a Bachelor of Science degree from

Excelsior College and an Electronics Technician from the Great Lakes (IL) Naval Training Center.

His career in technical education began in 1988 as the senior instructor in the Electronics Technology Program at the Crossville campus. He served as Vice President there from 2005 until his appointment as President in 2014. As President, he took on many initiatives to expand the school's capabilities through new program development. During his three-year tenure there, the school's enrollment increased by 30 percent, maintained an 85 percent completion rate and an 85 percent placement rate. He has been recognized as the Technical Teacher of the Year in Tennessee, Technical Teacher of the Year by the American Technical Education Associations' Gulf Coast region and nominated for national honors.

Jerry and his wife, Gail reside in the Morristown area, and they have two daughters, Jennifer Young Albertson and Dr. Emilie Young Bee as well as three grandchildren. He is an active supporter of Shriners Hospitals for Children and enjoys traveling America's rural highways on his motorcycle.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Jerry Young has been an outstanding leader and promoter of training for technical jobs and a valuable contributor to workforce development in East Tennessee, and I proudly honor him.

HONORING BISHOP'S ORCHARDS
AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 150-
YEAR (+1) ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the community of Guilford, Connecticut and families across state in extending my heartfelt congratulations to Bishop's Orchards, and the Bishop family, as they celebrate the 150th Anniversary of this unique community treasure. While navigating the covid pandemic may have delayed the celebration one-year, we are all excited and proud to join with them as they celebrate this very special occasion.

Connecticut has a long and proud history in agriculture and our famous fruit orchards have become a highlighted attraction for visitors. From picking your own fruits and vegetables to learning the intricacies of the perfect apple cider, our orchards offer a unique view into one of our nation's oldest industries. Today, the descendants of brothers Albert and Gene Bishop preserve this New England treasure while expanding the business to meet the needs of today's consumers. With three hundred acres lined with apple, peach, and pear trees, the Bishops continue to work hard to ensure the success of the orchards.

Generation after generation, the Bishop family have recognized the importance of preserving the natural beauty of the orchard and its surrounding properties. They were one of the first of our local farmers to initiate an integrated pest management program, significantly reducing the pesticides and chemicals used in the orchards. They have converted a parcel of their property to a solar farm, utilizing renewable energy to run the farm and its accompanying market and winery. It is through these kinds of innovations that Bishop's Orchards remains a respected leader in Connecticut's agricultural community.

Located on the shores of the Long Island Sound, Bishop Orchards captures the very spirit of New England. Owned and operated by now the 6th generation of Bishops, this remarkable family and their orchard have been fixtures of the Guilford community for more than 400 years. From the quintessential "little red barn" to the bustling market, and from the acres of orchards to the newest addition of winemaking, Bishop's Orchards is a destination for Connecticut families. It is my honor to stand today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Bishop's on their sesquicentennial anniversary, and as we say in Italian—C'ent Anni—to another hundred.

RECOGNIZING THE ROCKRIDGE
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM
ON WINNING THE IHSA 2A STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rockridge High School Girls Softball team for their win at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State Championships.

The unbeaten Rockridge Rockets won 64 games before competing in IHSA State Championship game. The ladies took a chance on their winning streak and came back from a 4-0 deficit with grit and determination. The Rockridge Rockets are the first team in IHSA history to finish as undefeated State Champions in back-to-back seasons. The team never gave up and accomplished a goal they set out for themselves at the beginning of the season. As a former athlete, I commend their hard work and dedication to their team.

The Rockets athletic success is remarkable. I am incredibly proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District and student-athletes. Madam Speaker, I would like to formally congratulate the Rockridge Rockets again on winning the Illinois High School Association 2A State Championships for Softball.